

Amendments to the Specification are as follows:

Before the first sentence on page 1 please insert the following paragraph.

This application claims the benefit of priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-069329, herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 10 and ending on page 4, line 16 as follows:

The present invention overcomes the above problems of the related art, and ~~an object of the present invention is to provide~~ a perpendicular magnetic recording head that can suppress unnecessary recording and erasing by an auxiliary magnetic layer and a light shield layer by improving the shapes of the layers in order to achieve high recording performance.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 17 and ending on page 5, line 5 as follows:

~~In order to achieve the above object,~~ According to one aspect, the present invention provides a perpendicular magnetic recording head including a main magnetic layer, an auxiliary magnetic layer separated from the main magnetic layer at a medium-opposing face of the perpendicular magnetic recording head opposing a recording medium, and a coil layer disposed behind the medium-opposing face in the height direction to supply a recording magnetic field to the main magnetic layer and the auxiliary magnetic layer, wherein the perpendicular magnetic recording head records magnetic data on the recording medium with a perpendicular magnetic field that concentrates on the main magnetic layer, and wherein inclined faces or curved faces are provided on both sides in the track width direction of the auxiliary magnetic layer so that the width in the track width direction of the auxiliary magnetic layer gradually increases in the height direction from a front end face close to the medium-opposing face.